

The Virginia Giant

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J. MICHAEL MOORE TO BE GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. J. Michael Moore, curator for Lee Hall Mansion and Endview Plantation, will be guest speaker at our March 13th meeting. Mr. Moore has curated exhibits at historic sites and has led battlefield tours in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. He has co-authored two books – *The Peninsula Campaign of 1862: A Military Analysis* and *Yorktown's Civil War Siege: Drums along the Warwick*; has served as editor/photographic editor for eleven books; and has written articles for *Virginia Cavalcade*, *North & South*, and *Military Collector & Historian*. Mr. Moore, a resident of Historic Yorktown, is a popular lecturer for Christopher Newport University's LifeLong Learning Society. In recognition of his work in public history, the Governor of Kentucky commissioned him a Kentucky Colonel in 2014.

PRESENTATION by DON PRUITT

Member Don Pruitt of Alexandria, Virginia, will present the following at our March 13th meeting:

1. Photos and a map of Scott's Lake in South Carolina (which William A. Moon thought was Scotch Lake and was unable to locate)
2. Photos of the graves of James Anderson and Judith Woodson Michaux Francisco
3. Connection of James and Judith with "The Little Nightcap"

Don and his wife Alla are responsible for accumulating data and creating the Genealogy of Peter and Susannah Anderson Francisco which appears on our website. In Don's words, "...I want to congratulate all those responsible for the SDPF site. It is a beautiful achievement..."

SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF PETER FRANCISCO

requests the honor of your presence at the

44th Annual Celebration of PETER FRANCISCO DAY IN VIRGINIA

**Sunday, March 13, 2016
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

**Old Hall of Delegates
Capitol Building
Richmond, Virginia**

Guest Speaker: Mr. J. Michael Moore
Curator for Lee Hall Mansion and Endview Plantation

Following the meeting, a Wreath-laying Ceremony will be held at the gravesite of Peter Francisco in Shockoe Hill Cemetery

WALKING IN PETER'S FOOTSTEPS

On Saturday, October 17, 2015, the Society celebrated the **250th Anniversary of Peter Francisco's arrival in America** in Hopewell, Virginia. A business meeting and luncheon were held at St John's Episcopal Church. Special guests included Vice Mayor Christine Lumon-Bailey and Councilor Jasmine Gore. Following a slide presentation of the June 2015 trip to Terceira Island, The Azores, where Peter was born and from which he was kidnapped, Travis Bowman gave his portrayal of Peter. Afterwards, members walked to the James River where five-year old Peter was abandoned, and then assembled at the Hopewell Courthouse to view the bust of Peter and the plaque placed there in his honor.



Jane McCroskey, LaSonya Poindexter, Libby McLeod;
(back row) John McCroskey, Mary Poindexter, Edith Buckley,
Maria and Manuel Fernandes, Caroline Corum, Travis Bowman



LaSonya and Mary Poindexter, Caroline Corum, Edith Buckley,
Libby McLeod, Travis Bowman and Maria Fernandes

"We had such a great time...talked with more of the descendants than ever before...the slide show from the Azores trip was special and Travis Bowman was a total bonus. I feel energy toward the goals of the Society...The best part for me is that my husband came away feeling the same as I do." Penny Geiger

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

President Libby McLeod has been in contact with the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, seeking inclusion of an exhibit for Peter Francisco. Following are excerpts of correspondence from Michelle Moskal, Collections Assistant for the Museum: *"Thank you very much for your interest in the Museum...At this time, our content team has finalized which individuals' stories will be featured in our permanent galleries. The museum's special exhibition gallery is scheduled to open in 2018...it is possible that Peter Francisco's story could be told during one of these special exhibits."*

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations to Dorothy Copes (Glen Allen, VA) who celebrated her 91st birthday in August 2015!

~ Welcome, New Members ~

Claire F. Barret (Associate) of Newport News, VA, wife of the late J. Stuart Barret and mother of Jane McCroskey; Manuel & Maria Fernandes (Friends) of Yonkers, NY; West Ayers (Friend, age 10) of Richmond, VA, friend of member Jack Kardian.

PETER FRANCISCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Society is again offering at least one \$500 scholarship for seniors graduating in 2016. Deadline for submitting an application is April 15, 2016. For details, visit our website www.peterfrancisco.org.

Please send your donations to: Anne Wilson, Treasurer SDPF, 2613 Moray Lane, Cedar Park, TX 78613

PORTRAIT OF DR. BENJAMIN MORRIS FRANCISCO

Thanks to the efforts of Sue Terminella, the portrait of Dr. Benjamin Morris Francisco, grandson of Peter and Catherine Francisco, which had been on display at the Louisa County Historical Society in Virginia, is being made available to our Society and will be placed in our archives at the Library of Virginia. Our Society presented \$200 to the LCHS for placing legal notices in local newspapers to secure clear ownership of the painting. Once the portrait is in our possession, restoration may be made, and copies may be made available at minimal cost.

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH SDPF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Have you ever wondered what our officers and committees do to keep the Society running well and members informed? Listed below are abbreviated job descriptions for each office, as well as additional responsibilities assumed by your current officers. Committee members are listed also.

President: presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors, at business meetings/other meetings; is ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; informs officers/members of special events and matters of interest to the Society and provides details/photos of such to the Newsletter & Notifications Committee. **Current President Libby McLeod** also helps plan meetings and procure guest speakers; serves as chairman of the Scholarship Committee; provides updates to our webmaster; and serves as liaison to other historical societies and museums.

1st Vice President: in the absence of the President, performs the duties of that office; assists in planning annual meetings/other meetings. **Current 1st VP Erin Mwalwanda** also serves on the Fundraising Committee (creates magnets and notecards), and the Newsletter & Notifications Committee (formats newsletters and sends email versions), and is liaison to our webmaster.

2nd Vice President: in the absence of the President and 1st Vice President, performs the duties of the President; assists in planning annual business meetings/other meetings, and, particularly, in procuring meeting space/speakers. **Current 2nd VP Edith Buckley** also serves as Advisor for Historical Accuracy, and is liaison to other historical groups.

Recording Secretary: takes Minutes of the meetings of the Board and annual business meetings/provides written copies of such; notifies officers of their election and committee members of their appointment. **Current Recording Secretary Jane McCroskey**, in the absence of the Treasurer, performs the duties of that office; serves on the Scholarship Committee; and is liaison to Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery and to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.

Treasurer: receives and deposits all funds of the Society and disburses payment for expenses; provides the Treasurer's Report at each annual business meeting; updates membership lists and membership information; keeps email/ mailing lists of members, prospects and recipients of complimentary copies of the bi-annual newsletters and provides updates to those lists to the Newsletter & Notifications Committee. **Current Treasurer Anne Wilson** also assists in planning meetings and providing information to our website; and serves on the Fundraising Committee (purchases/personalizes/packages ornaments; fills orders for ornaments, magnets, notecards and postcards); the Newsletter & Notifications Committee (writes bi-annual newsletters and mails hard copy versions); Membership & Genealogy Committee; and the Scholarship Committee.

Advisors for Historical Accuracy – Gail Coffman, Edith Buckley. **Committees: Archives** – Sue Terminella; **Fundraising** – Erin Mwalwanda, Mary Ellen Poindexter, Anne Wilson; **Membership & Genealogy** – Edith Buckley, Gail Coffman, Sue Terminella, Anne Wilson; **Newsletters & Notifications** – Erin Mwalwanda, Anne Wilson; **Scholarship** – Libby McLeod, Jane McCroskey, Anne Wilson; **Website** – Brad Vogler (Webmaster), Erin Mwalwanda, Libby McLeod, Anne Wilson.

To volunteer to serve as an officer next year, or as a committee member so that officers can focus more on their official duties, please contact President Libby McLeod at elizabeth.m.mcleod@gmail.com

Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco

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Purpose: *To compile and maintain the documented records of Peter Francisco and his descendants and to give him his rightful place in history.*

OFFICERS

President – Elizabeth M. “Libby” McLeod ~ **1st Vice President** – Erin E. W. Mwalwanda
2nd Vice President – Edith F. Buckley ~ **Recording Secretary** – Jane B. McCroskey
Corresponding Secretary – open ~ **Treasurer** – Anne C. Wilson ~ **Historical Advisor** ~ Gail Coffman

If you have any news for “The Virginia Giant,” please send it to writers/editors: Anne Wilson and/or Erin Mwalwanda

Please use the form below for payment of dues, fundraiser orders, and/or for making a donation to the Peter Francisco Memorial Scholarship Fund.

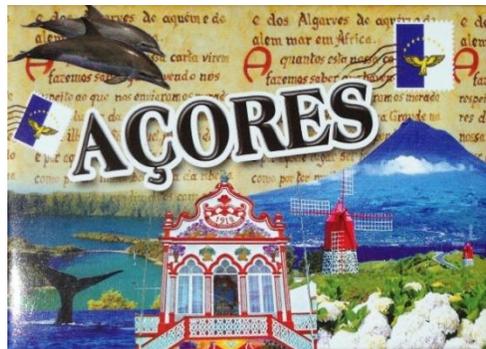
DUES: Dues for 2016 became payable in October 2015. Annual dues are only \$10 for adults; \$2 for children under 18 years of age. *Please note:* If you receive newsletters via email, a pre-newsletter email will be sent to you advising you of the year through which you have paid dues. If you receive newsletters via U.S. Postal Service, refer to the year listed after your name on your mailing label to determine through which year you have paid dues. If you have any questions about your membership status, please contact Anne Wilson at annecw1@aol.com or 512-636-8197.

FUNDRAISERS: Book – *Peter Francisco, The Portuguese Patriot* – \$15.00
 Locust Grove Notecards – 8 cards/envelopes for \$12.00
 Peter Francisco Postcards – 5 for \$5.00, or 15 for only \$10.00

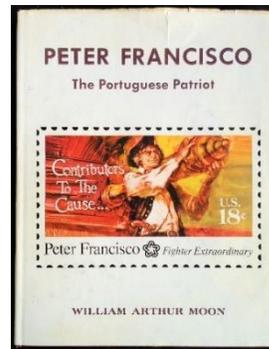
2016 Magnet of Peter Francisco Statue in Porto Judeu - \$3.00; Magnet of Terceira Island – \$5.00
 ~ **Special Offer – both magnets for only \$7.00** ~



2016 Magnet



Terceira Island Magnet



Book

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**Make Checks Payable to SDPF and Mail to:
 Anne Wilson, Treasurer SDPF, 2613 Moray Lane, Cedar Park, TX 78613**

Name(s) _____

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DUES (for names and years) _____ \$ _____

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FUNDRAISERS: 2016 Magnet of Peter’s Statue - \$3 each	_____	\$ _____
Magnet of Terceira Island - \$5 each	_____	\$ _____
~ Special offer – both magnets for only \$7.00 ~	_____	\$ _____
Peter Francisco Book – \$15	_____	\$ _____
Locust Grove Notecards – set of 8 cards/envelopes – \$12 a set	_____	\$ _____
Peter Francisco Postcards – 5 for \$5, or 15 for only \$10	_____	\$ _____

DONATION TO THE 2016 SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ _____

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